

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 145

By Farmer

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Elizabeth Bernardi on her selection as the 2022-2023 Sevier County School System Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Bernardi is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bernardi has been selected as the 2022-2023 Sevier County School System Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a life sciences teacher at Sevier County High School, Elizabeth Bernardi has taught for twenty-four years; she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional and influential leader, Ms. Bernardi organized the school's first science club; after taking a trip to the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and conducting natural history research in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the small club eventually became the Marine Biology Club and then the Science National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bernardi was accepted into the Tennessee STEM Innovation Network's rural STEM collaborative cohort, which awarded her a grant to incorporate community cardiopulmonary resuscitation training into her anatomy and physiology course; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Bernardi serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Bernardi truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Elizabeth Bernardi on being chosen as the 2022-2023 Sevier County School System Grades 9-12 Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.